Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

14,7 g of *tert*-butyl [[8-benzyl-]]8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-yl-*exo*-carbamate (65 mmol) (J. Med. Chem. **1991,** *34,* 656) and 8,93 g of 2-chloropyrimidine (78 mmol) and 12,7 ml of 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU) (85 mmol) are dissolved in 230 ml of 1-pentanol and heated under reflux for 4 hours. The solvents are evapotared and the residue is dissolved in 250 ml of chloroform and washed with 2x300 ml of water, dried over Na_2SO_4, and purified by column chromatography using *n*-hexane-ethyl acetate-chloroform (1:1:1) as eluent to result in white crystals which are triturated with *n*-hexane. Yield: 13,25 g (67%). M.p.: 113-115°C. ^{1}H-NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.49 (t, 2H), 1.66-1.97 (m, 6H), 3.89 (br, 1H), 4.61 (d, 2H), 6.60 (t+br, 1+1H), 8.34 (d, 2H).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

10.4 g (46 mmol) of (2*S*)-1-(2-chloroacetyl)-4,4-difluoro-2-pyrrolidine-carboxamide are dissolved in 230 ml of dichloromethane[[dichloromethanol]] and 13 ml (140 mmol) of phosphorous oxychloride are added thereto. The mixture is heated for 24 hours (if there is remaining starting material then it is refluxed further). During the refluxing the solution will become pale yellow and sticky solid material is precipitated. The solution is poured into another pot and 50 g of potassium carbonate are added thereto. After stirring for an hour the solid salts are filtered out and the solution is evaporated. Pale yellow oil is received which is triturated with n-hexane. The received yellow crystals are collected and 70 ml of diethyl-ether are added. Thus impurities are dissolved and pure white solid crystalline product is obtained. Yield: 6.0 g (56%). M.p.: 86-87°C.
^{1}H-NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$): δ 2.76-2.98 (m, 2H, 3-CH_2), 3.92-4.26 (m, 2H, 5-CH_2), 4.46 (qv, 2H, CH_2Cl), 5.11 (m, 1H, 2-CH).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

0,54 ml of chloropyrazine (6 mmol) and 1,13 g of *tert*-butyl [[8-benzyl-]]8-azabicyclo[3.2.1]oct-3-yl-*exo*-carbamate (6 mmol) 0,97 ml of 1,8-diazabicyclo [5.4.0]undec-

7-ene (DBU) (6,5 mmol) are dissolved in 40 ml of 1-pentanol and heated under reflux for 50 hours. The solvents are evapotared, the residue is dissolved in 50 ml of chloroform, washed with 4x30 ml of water, dried over Na_2SO_4, and purified by column chromatography using *n*-hexane-ethyl acetate-chloroform (3:1:1) as eluent to result in white crystals which are triturated with *n*-hexane. Yield: 0,55 g (36 %). M.p.: 122-123 °C.

^{1}H-NMR (200 MHz, DMSO-d_6): δ 1.34 (s, 9H); 1.44-1.66 (m; 2H), 1.67-1.99 (m, 6H), 3.88 (m, 1H), 4.56 (bs, 2H), 6.59 (d, 1H), 7.77 (d, 1H), 8.07 (dd, 1H), 8.17 (d, 1H).